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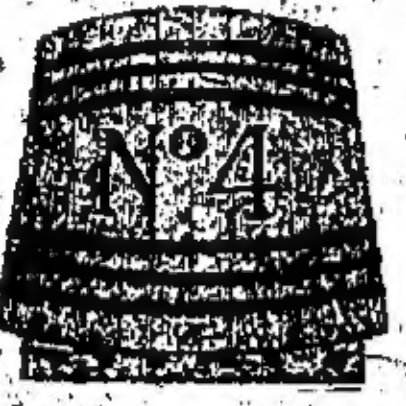
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application to
THE HEADMASTER.
Hongkong, May 7, 1908.



MAGISTRACY.

IT is hereby notified that a MEETING
of HIS MAJESTY'S JUSTICES of
the PEACE will be held at the Magistracy,
at 2.15 p.m., on MONDAY, the 18th
May, 1908, for the purpose of considering
the following application under the
Liquor Licenses Ordinance, 1898 (Ordinance
No. 8 of 1898), viz:-

1. To transfer from one THOMAS BEN-
NARD MANURE to FREDERICK ED-
WARD BISHOP the Publican License to
sell by retail intoxicating liquors on
premises numbered 2, Pak-Shui
Wan, Shaukiwan Road, under the
sign of "The Belle View House".
2. To transfer from one FREDERICK ED-
WARD BISHOP to one FREDERICK ED-
WARD BISHOP the Publican License to
sell by retail intoxicating liquors on
premises numbered 20 and 20B, Queen's
Road Central, under the sign of
"The German Tavern".
3. From one JOSEPH HENRY NEWBOLD
for permission to remove the business
now carried on by him under an
adjacent license on premises No. 47,
Des Voeux Road Central, under the
sign of "The Owl Grill Room" to
premises Nos. 20 and 31, Des Voeux
Road Central.

J. H. KEMP,
Police Magistrate.
Hongkong, May 6, 1908.

HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF
AND GODOWN CO., LD.
During my absence from the Colony
Mr. R. J. MACGOWAN will act as
SECRETARY.
By Order,
EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, May 6, 1908.

NOTICE.

ON and after 18th instant the NEDER-
LANDS BANK, HOLLAND-MAATS-
CHAPPIJ (NEDERLANDS TRADING SOCIETY)
will conduct its business at No. 5, QUEEN'S
ROAD CENTRAL (in the Office now occupied
by the National Bank of China, Ltd.).
J. L. VAN HOUTEN,
NEDERLANDSCHE HANDEL-MAATSCHAPPIJ.
Hongkong, May 6, 1908.

NOTICE.

ON and after 18th instant the
NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LTD. will conduct its business at No. 2,
CHATER ROAD, HONGKONG (in the Office
now occupied by the Netherlands Trading
Society).
G. C. MOXON,
Managing Director,
NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LTD.
Hongkong, May 6, 1908.

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IF PERCY BRENTNALL, one time
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Hongkong, March 20, 1907.

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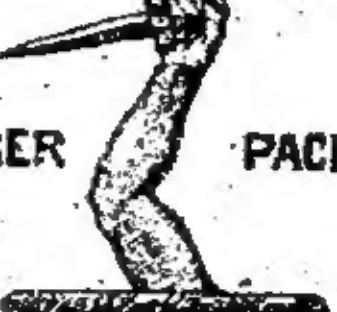
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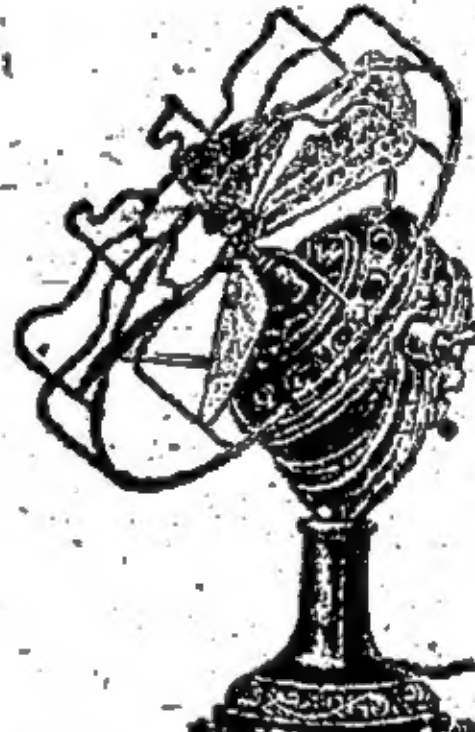
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General Memoranda.

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WEDNESDAY, May 13.—

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THURSDAY, May 14.—

6.15 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Club at Club House.

FRIDAY, May 15.—

Noon—Meeting of The National Bank of China, Ltd., at Bank premises.

SATURDAY, May 16.—

2.15 p.m.—Meeting of His Majesty's Justices of Peace at the Magistracy.

SUNDAY, May 17.—

Noon—Tenders will be received at the Office of Colonial Secretary.

NOTICE.

Letters relating to business should be addressed to THE MANAGER.

Communications relating to news should be addressed to THE EDITOR.

Correspondents must forward their names and addresses with any communications addressed to the Editor, not for publication but as evidence of good faith.

All letters for publication should be written on one side of the paper only.

No anonymously signed communications that have already appeared in other papers will be inserted.

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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MAY 8, 1908.

AMERICA AND JAPAN.

We are much impressed by the evidence that the old "Peking Gazette," which was often declared to be the "oldest newspaper in the world," so far from having any monopoly as a court circular is now superseded completely, as respects court news, by the journals which every man who has mastered the art of reading plain prose can study for himself. In a native newspaper now before us we read that the Empress-Dowager, recovered from her recent indisposition, has been "taking the air" in the Palace gardens attended by a small number of Ladies-in-Waiting, and accompanied by trusty servants. Her Imperial Majesty is here said to have specially ordered the gardeners to continue their work in her presence and to have bestowed on the needy among them marks of her royal favour. This visit in the Imperial gardens is described in sufficient detail apparently for the threefold purpose of assuring the public of the Empress-Dowager's complete recovery from sickness, of her entire trust and confidence in her people whom she is prepared to treat with all benevolence and kindly favour, and best of all, that the old-time practice of causing subjects to dis- appear when the Emperor or Empress-Dowager appeared is destined to give way to the more enlightened customs that make the freer relations of prince and people in Occidental lands.

Tommy Atkins is to adopt himself for the future and is to receive a quarterly allowance of fifteen guineas and three pence for that purpose. This would not appeal to most as a particularly lavish sum. The new arrangement is open to criticism from several

points of view. According to our contemporary the "Friend of India," which should be able to speak with a certain amount of weight—There are unhappily, in every regiment a number of men who, without being bad soldiers in the real sense of the word, are certainly "bad characters," dividing their time between the canteen and the guard-room, and spending all their money in the canteen. With this class, the question of clothing has no place in the modest weekly budget, and most of the clothing issued to them is sold for beer. A full kit is kept for the purpose of inspection, but for parades and the ordinary daily necessities the good nature of sturdier comrades is trespassed upon. The obvious question is: What will such men do with the allowance, which, it must be remembered, is to be paid in advance? If they are prepared to sell clothing issued to them for beer, they are scarcely likely to convert cash ready to hand into clothing. The consequence must be that drunkenness will increase, and with it other and more serious crime generally traceable to this evil. Those who would dispute about such a concession are probably in the minority; but even so, the general and very important question remains.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Japanese land telegraph lines to Tokyo and Yokohama are now in normal working order.

Cold storage cars are being placed on the Japanese Government Railways for the transport of perishable goods.

The Calcutta Mint is working at high pressure just now, and is turning out 9,000,000 of pie daily for use in the Punjab Districts.

There are indications that China's policy in regard to Tibet is to touch the Tibetans to identify their interests with those of the people of Szechuen.

From Chinese sources it is reported that Russia is intriguing in Mongolia by means of a man who is ostensibly a Bishop, but in reality a diplomatic agent.

The plan for the construction of Water Works in Peking recently submitted to the Board of Agriculture, Industries and Commerce, has been approved by the Throne.

Shanghai's new Thoi has appointed Mr. S. T. Lai as the "N. C. Daily News" and Mr. Wang Kong-chen of the "Universal Gazette" as his adviser on foreign affairs.

The Senate of the Commonwealth of Australia has completed its labours in connection with the new Tariff and has made 70 requests for increases of duties and 100 for decreases.

According to a Japanese contemporary the method of censoring papers in China is examination before publication. We scarcely think that this plan would much commend itself to the press in English-speaking countries.

The Canton charitable institutions still maintain their refusal to receive money on account of the Canton-Hankow Railway. It has been suggested that it would be well to get native bankers at Canton to undertake the work.

A St. Petersburg cable of April 29 to the "Minsk" states that Mr. Suzuki and the other Japanese Fishery Treaty Revision Commissioners, who, as previously reported, have failed to secure Russia's agreement to the Japanese proposals, left the Russian capital on April 21 for home.

Penang seems to be a fortunate place in regard to a fire brigade as we are. Penang also, we understand, is a Crown Colony. Under the heading "The Penang Fire Brigade" the "Straits Echo" says: "To begin with the above title is misleading. What we have is a great quantity of fire appliances, most of which are worn out and obsolete, under the charge of the Police, who make use of them at a fire to the best of their untrained ability."

The Batin Bacteriological Laboratory sent us a copy of the report of the Medical Officer of Health of Klang. In the course of this the doctor wrote: "I am of opinion that the 'Ratin' does what it is said to be capable of doing—viz., kills rats and causes an epidemic among them, and I think it would be a good plan to try it again. I did not try it in private houses as I was afraid that children would eat it. The smell being rather sweet and the poison having the appearance of native sweetmeats. (We are informed by the Laboratory that Ratin is not a poison.)"

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well known, but it is only fair to remember that there was very little direct evidence brought forward in support of these damaging statements. Obviously it would be inviting humiliation for America to voice a formal protest unless she were quite sure of her facts. It may be, however, that she will see in the action of Japan in vetoing the contract given by China to a British syndicate for the construction of the Haimintun-Fakumen Railway, not only the excuse but the justification for a formal protest. It has to be remembered that so strongly has Japan's action in this regard been resented that the Chambers of Commerce at New- chuang and Tientsin respectively have passed resolutions denouncing Japan's attitude in no measured terms. These Chambers of Commerce include members of American representatives and it may be assumed that the local American Consuls were kept fully advised of the developments in the situation. The State Department at Washington may quite possibly assume that a protest in regard to the railway question will bear the close scrutiny which it would inevitably bring down upon itself. The position, we repeat, has undoubtedly improved as a result of the conclusion of the Arbitration Treaty but there is still no justification for assuming that all danger has passed. Had there been an Arbitration Treaty between Spain and America when the Maine disaster caused a wave of war feeling to sweep over the United States, we very much doubt whether hostilities could have been averted. Sudden passion causes nations, just as it does individuals, to wrench themselves free from the restraint of reason and to give vent to their natural impulses. We are not suggesting for a moment that there is any possibility of another accident such as the sinking of the battleship Maine, we are merely quoting an historical instance of two nations, one of them America, being suddenly carried over the verge of peace. It is only by a careful study of the lessons of the past that we can arrive at approximate knowledge of the dangers of the present. All we set out to show was that though remote there is still a possibility that the Far East will again re-echo to the roar of guns fired with wretched intent. As readers know the alarmist note is one which has never commended itself to us. But we would be neglecting our duty if we failed to take notice of events and wilfully blinded ourselves to possibilities.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The police force for the suburbs of Peking will be organized within a few days.

The Japanese professors of the Peking University for law and political sciences have been decorated with second class decorations.

The Governor of Chekiang has despatched military officials of that province to Tientsin to attend the inspection of the 4th Division of the army.

The "Rangoon Gazette" written editorially in the sense that the blame for the recent telegraph strike in India rests mainly with the officials.

The Peking Government has ordered Viceroy Tuan Fung to raise a rice tax in Anhwei so as to get funds for the expenses of railway and mines in Anhwei.

According to a London cable of April 21 to the "Hoch," it is reported from St. Petersburg that the Russian Government has organized 34 new companies as railway garrisons in Manchuria.

The "Shanghai Mercury" is of opinion that the development of athletics among Chinese has wonderfully increased the stamina of the native youth.

Thirty firms have been struck from the list of the French War Office contractors. This action has been taken owing to the firms in question supplying quantities of tainted sausages.

The natives of Yingshan have attacked and destroyed the Catholic mission and burnt the yamens and released prisoners. Commander Liu with his troops left Nanking for that place to suppress the bandits.

The Fire Brigades in Nigata, Japan, where there has been a succession of great conflagrations, was on April 23 prevented from coping with an outbreak successfully by snow which lay on the ground about three feet thick.

Rangoon is still agitating for the registration of servants. Hope lingers longest in Burma than in Hongkong. The effort to induce the local Government to agree to this much needed reform was long since abandoned in despair.

It is reported from Kiu that over four hundred Korean soldiers who rebelled against Japanese authority in Korea recently escaped to Tungking, where they were disarmed by the Chinese authorities and sent back as they were really political prisoners of Japan.

Some little trouble has arisen in connection with the route of the Chinese section of the Hongkong-Canton Railway. During the past few days many applications for an alteration of the route have been received by the Chinese Company. It is expected that no serious trouble will ensue.

Another remarkable flying machine achievement is reported. Delagrange, who has been experimenting for some considerable time succeeded in covering a distance of 64 miles in 9 minutes 18 seconds. The first 45 miles were covered without the machine touching the ground at all.

Report was received recently in Rangoon of a volcanic eruption of some violence which took place off the coast in the neighbourhood of Sandoway. Readers will remember that recently a mud island, which has since disappeared was formed in the sea immediately to the north of Kyaukyu.

To-night at the Hongkong Cinematograph a new series of moving pictures will be produced. The films have just arrived from Paris and are comic, sensational and tragic in character. They are excellent subjects and should be seen by those who appreciate the displays by the Cinematograph.

The Victoria Cinematograph with its newest and up-to-date films continues to draw large audiences nightly. The pictures are undoubtedly greatly appreciated as evinced by the hearty applause evoked, the "Cabanus Mystified" and the "Lost Umbrella," being particularly good. The sisters Engel and Mrs. Pastor also receive approbation for their singing and dancing.

We have received some startling news from Canton. A correspondent writes: (1) The copper basin Hang of Fatsan stopped work. Of late the copper basin at Fatsan has no sale in the market; so the headman has justly declared that the work must be stopped from the 15th day 4th moon and will be reopened on 6th day 5th moon. During this period if any one discovers this disposal he will be given heavy fine. (2) The sick soldiers are mostly attacked by beri-beri. The new sick soldiers of every regiment at In Toun are always carried to the Government and Chung Fat Hospitals for treatment. It is now between the season of spring and summer the sick soldiers are more carried in. We learned that during these several months they are mostly attacked by beri-beri and the number is raised up to one hundred.

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THE FRONTIER
TROUBLE.

AFGHAN'S ATTITUDE.

Disquieting Government
Retelence.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters,
via Bombay.)

LONDON, May 7.

The reassuring statements in regard to the correctness of the attitude of the Ameer of Afghanistan in connection with the trouble with the Mohmands on the North-West frontier of India have been somewhat discredited by the reticent demeanour of the Government when asked some direct and highly pertinent questions.

In the House of Commons Mr H. F. R. Lynch, member for the Ripon Division of the West Riding, Yorkshire, asked whether, in view of the developments on the frontier, the Government would lay before the House any correspondence with the Ameer in connection with the recently signed Anglo-Russian Convention.

Mr Lynch also desired to know whether, before any military operations were undertaken in Afghan territory, the House would be informed of the views of the Ameer in regard to any difference of opinion with the Indian Government.

Mr F. H. Buchanan, Under Secretary of State for India, replied that the answer to the first question was in the negative. As regards the second question presented by Mr Lynch he asked the Hon. Member to consider that, in view of the present condition of affairs, it was not in the public interest that a reply should be given.

Mr Lynch: Has the Ameer's assent to the Anglo-Russian Convention ever been asked?

Mr Buchanan: I decline to answer.

(REUTERS SERVICE.)

COMMERCIAL DEPRESSION.

LONDON, May 6.

Owing to the commercial depression, 200 stockbrokers are not renewing their membership of the London Stock Exchange.

THE TOUR OF THE KAISER.

LONDON, May 6.

The Kaiser has arrived at Pola from Corfu.

GREAT BRITAIN AND SIAM.

LONDON, May 6.

Sir Edward Grey in the House of Commons said that a modification of the status of Britishers in Siam, with provisions to safeguard their interests, forms a part of the proposals under consideration between the two countries.

THE CANTON POLICE FORCE.

Its Annual Expenditure.

(From Our Correspondent.)

CANTON, May 6.

The upkeep and maintenance of the Canton police force cost the Chinese something like £210,000 a year. This amount is to be collected from the Kaifong. According to the returns of the Police Department the revenue exceeded the expenditure by £65,000 last year.

THE OPIUM CRUSADE.

(From Our Correspondent.)

CANTON, May 6.

Much satisfaction is felt by those responsible for the suppression of opium smoking in South China at the prevailing condition at Canton, Kowloon and particularly Fatsan. In Canton, with the exception of private smokers, who are stealthily enjoying their luxury, the lighting of the lamp is strictly prohibited in public restaurants, hotels, and boarding houses, where formerly the evil practice was indulged in extensively. The same prevailing condition applies to Kowloon. Great assistance has been rendered by private anti-opium societies which have been prosecuting the opium ever since the prohibition was sanctioned by the government.

LINGERING COUGHS.

PERSISTENT coughs that continue through the spring and summer usually indicate some throat or lung trouble, and it is a serious mistake to neglect them. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is famous for its cures of coughs of this nature and a few doses taken in time may save a doctor's bill and perhaps years of suffering. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

IMPERIAL BUDGET.

OLD AGE PENSIONS.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

LONDON, May 8.

Mr Asquith, in his capacity as Chancellor of the Exchequer, delivered the Budget statement last night.

The surplus for the financial year was four and three-quarter million sterling (£4,750,000) and is to be devoted to the reduction of the National Debt.

Mr Asquith honoured his promise to bring forward the Old Age Pension question. He announced that the Government would bring in a measure to give Old Age Pensions of £15 per annum to those over seventy years of age and whose incomes did not exceed £25 per annum.

To give encouragement to thrift paupers are to be excluded from pensions.

THE BOYCOTT.

CHINESE FORBEARANCE.

(From Our Correspondent.)

CANTON, May 6.

The submissive attitude adopted by a hawk with whom a Japanese is said to have been trying to make a disturbance over the sale of a certain article has been favourably commented upon by the native press which dwells on the progress of civilization in China. The fact that even a street hawk has realised the situation between China and Japan and, as a consequence, refrained from being drawn into a disturbance is indicative of the realization of the delicate existing relations between the two countries.

The steamer "Togo Maru," which arrived at Hongkong last Sunday had to have a large cargo of flour on the wharves at Seattle owing to shipwrecks having received instructions from Chinese buyers not to ship Japanese bottoms.

The Boycott and Matches.

One of the most extensively used of Japanese manufactures throughout South China at present are matches. It is reported that the trade amounts to no less than £800,000 per annum. In the past, at different times, attempts have been made with more or less success to establish match factories at Fatsan. In every case, however, there has been but partial success. In the first place the matches have not been equal in quality to those imported from Japan, and then native matches have been subject to the ever recurring impositions of the like stations, as they have been taken into the interior of the Province whilst those from Japan, having paid the Customs dues once for all, have had a free course. Thus in two ways the native trade has been handicapped. The rage of the people at Fatsan and Canton in respect of the Japanese treatment of the Chinese Government in the recent case has led some of the wealthy to attempt to establish one again, a match factory in Fatsan. The company is to have a capital of 20,000 shares of 80 each, and one half is to be paid up at once. But the crux of the question is with the officials grant the request of those who have charge of the enterprise, and allow the makers to pay a tax at this end equal to what the Japanese would pay as Customs duty, and then make no further demand? If they will consent to this there is every hope that the industry will be able to establish itself. It seems strange to our ways of thinking, though not perhaps to those who believe in Free Trade to its fullest extent, that the Chinese officials should be so self-destructive in their demands as to prevent the matches from being made.

One thing is certain and that is that the Chinese must have matches from somewhere, and, if they cannot make their own, it is certain that they will buy from Japan, whatever the leaders of the boycott may say or do. Meanwhile if they are allowed to put this thing through, there will be a big blow to a big industry in Japan, and also to the shipping which every year brings so many cases to the South. It is therefore something of a test case, this, and those who are interested in the development of the native industries will be interested in watching the result.

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SPORTING.

Lawn Tennis.

There was a large number of spectators at the Cricket Ground, yesterday evening when the final of the Double Handicap in connection with the Hongkong C.C. Lawn Tennis Tournament was played. After five sets the contest was won by Carr and Worcester from Dr Atkinson and Phelps. The play was of a very interesting character and the scores were: Carr—Worcester (over 15/1) v. Phelps—Atkinson (over 15/3) 6-3, 3-6, 3-6, 7-5, 6-3. Major Stephenson acted as umpire.

Gymnastics.

The gymnastic class held in connection with the Victoria Recreation Club will open on Monday next in the Club's gymnasium. The new gymnasium is splendidly equipped and the sub-committee in charge of the class is an energetic one. Lessons will be given on Mondays and Thursdays from 6 to 7.30 p.m.

Volunteer Reserve Association.

The following are the principal scores in the competitions during April, 1908:

"A" CLASS.	
W. J. J. Gaston	32 + 3 = 35
A. Jenkins	34 + 2 = 36
J. C. Gow	32 + 2 = 34
E. S. Carrington	30 + 1 = 31
A. W. J. Watt	29 + 2 = 31

"B" CLASS.	
J. C. Peter	30 + 4 = 34
W. L. Leask	29 + 4 = 33
H. O. White	27 + 6 = 33
W. H. T. Davis	28 + 4 = 32
A. Boney	29 + 6 = 35

"BOULES" CLUB.	
E. S. Carruthers	58 + 2 = 60
A. Boney	48 + 12 = 60
A. R. Lowe	41 + 24 = 65

"POOL" COMPETITIONS.

During April, 1908, pools have been won by:

J. Hutchings	38 + 18 = 56
A. J. J. Gaston	32 + 3 = 35
E. G. Jordan	29 + 10 = 40

On Saturday, and Sunday, the 9th and 10th instant, the May Cup will be shot for at 500 yards, King's Park Range instead of 300 yards as usual.

AMOY NOTES.

(From Our Correspondent.)

AMOY, May 4.

The tournament for Mr Marshall's silver cup has now been completed, the two finalists being Captain Huthurst, and Mr Livingston of the Standard Oil Co. The game was played off yesterday, when the latter gentleman had an easy win, being 6 up and 5 to play.

A shooting match was arranged by one of the Customs staff here, and took place on Sunday afternoon, on the beach below the German Consul's residence. There were twenty competitors, and some good shooting was seen. Five rounds were fired, and Mr Davis came first with 22 hits. Mr O'Hare was second with 21, and Mr Grainger 3rd with 20. The rifles used were those kept in the Customs House, and were somewhat antiquated. Mr Davis has been in the Army for some considerable time, so has had a good deal of practice.

I went over to have a look at what had been done on Saturday afternoon, and was agreeably surprised at what I saw. The station looks a fine building. It is built entirely of red brick, and is two stories. Offices, etc., are upstairs, and the stairs at each end of the building. Behind the station are a collection of houses for the staff, station master, porters, etc. A large engine shed is in a completed condition and houses the German engine, which looks exceedingly workmanlike. The American engine is being put up now, and an American engineer is now on the spot superintending it. There are as yet no carriages or trucks, but these will shortly be here. The condition of the sleepers is bad, a considerable number of which are eaten with white ants, and are of no use. This is only a consequence of 20,000, and no doubt the Directors will get elsewhere for their next lot, and be assured of their good quality. There were very few men about, and these I saw were nearly all men from the South, and spoke Mandarin.

This end of the line has been easy to work, and yet the time spent has been very considerable. At the Chih-chi end, innumerable difficulties will be met with. The river will have to be bridged, which will be a long and expensive business. A good deal of blasting will also be necessary. One doubts very much whether the line will ever be completed unless foreign engineers are employed. The shareholders are not at all satisfied with the conditions of things and there is some difficulty in getting the necessary money now, as people are suspicious.

Mr. Keir-Hardie claims that, with the exception of the last day he spent in India, he never spoke at anything which could be called a public meeting, and that the crime of which he was guilty, was not that of speaking at public meetings or preaching sedition, but of refusing to see the Indian situation through the rose-coloured spectacles of the official classes.

This Week's Passage from the Poets—
"Old King Coal is a 'dear' old soul,
And a 'dear' old soul is he;
And when Gladstone's Ten Hours Bill is passed,
It's a 'dear' old soul he'll be."

The Volunteer Infantry officers on recruiting bent have been assuring their men that Mr. Haldane's scheme will be little more than an alteration of the numbers of the corps. This reminds us of the epitaph which was perpetrated at Malta to the memory of the old Seventy-Fifth, one of the Scottish regiments with tattered trousers, when it became the first battalion of the Gordon Highlanders under Mr Caldwell's linked battalion scheme.

"Here lies the dear old Seventy-Fifth,
But, under God's protection,
It soon will rise in kilt and hose,
A glorious re-armed force,
For by the transmutative power
Of Parliamentary laws,
It goes to bed the Seventy-Fifth,
To rise the Ninety-Twas."

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SCOTTISH LETTER.

(From Our Correspondent.)

EDINBURGH, March 30.

One of the most important and interesting functions in connection with the centenary of the Battle of Bannockburn, the birthplace of the movement, in September will be a great review of representative companies and battalions drawn from various parts of the Kingdom. H.R.H. Prince Arthur of Connaught will review the Brigade, and the parade is expected to number some 10,000 boys. The "peace-at-any-price" men are alarmed at the growing popularity of the organisation, and say that it breeds militarism; but employers of labour are finding that the boys trained in the Brigade turn out the best workers because of their early training in discipline.

Mr Robert W. Service, the "Canadian Kipling," whose "Songs of Sordough" are causing a sensation in literary circles, is of Scottish blood—if, indeed, he is not Scottish by birth.

Another man of the hour is Mr W. G. Simpson. He claims to have perfected a gun that will send shells from Paris to London. He also is a Scotman.

There is a proposal to establish a commercial college in Scotland, possibly in Edinburgh.

In the course of the recent controversy about the restoration of Holyrood Chapel, it was mentioned that several years ago a similar offer was made to Queen Victoria. It is now stated on good authority that it was the late Marquis of Bute who came forward with a promise to provide the necessary sum—and that on the matter being brought before Her Majesty, she firmly declined to allow any tampering with the ancient fabric.

The enthusiasm with which the Scot abroad enters into the literature, history and traditions of his old country is one of the perpetual marvels about him. Lately we had a pamphlet on the authorship of "The Land of the Leal" from the Antipodes, and a brief Scots version of the New Testament from Canada. Now we are promised a volume by Mr Roland St. Clair, who hails from New Zealand, upon the subject of "Orkney," being the first volume of the Liberator Library. The author will have a tangled skein of history and genealogy to unravel, but his name is a fitting one for the chronicle of "The storm-swept Orkney."

Where erst St. Clair had princely sway
O'er isle and islet, strait and bay.

Another instance of a similar spirit comes from Canada. A number of the leading members have presented a President's chair to the St. Andrew's Society of St. John's New Brunswick. It is made from white and black oak, each piece having a historical association. Some of the wood is from the birthplace of the Prince, some from a tree which grew near his grave, and some from places identified with Robert Burns. One of the members of the Society, Mr Rogers, was sent over to Scotland to choose the oak, and he is responsible for some fine carving upon the chair, representing the Scottish national emblems.

The red neckties turned out in great force to welcome Mr Keir-Hardie back to Glasgow. They sang the "Marsellaise," "The Red Flag," and so on, and generally had a good time. If the classrooms at Gilmorehill had not been in holiday splendour, and the exams. all completed, there would have been another sort of good time to chronicle: the students are indignant that the Prophet of Socialism should come forward for the Lord Rectorship.

Mr Keir-Hardie's speech was a strange production: whatever other people think of its importance, he made it evident that Mr Keir-Hardie himself has no doubt. It had all through a fine flavour of self-glorification. One of his remarks was that it would be a good thing if every youth could have the benefit of a trip abroad. There can be no doubt about that. The result would be an extraordinary strengthening of the spirit of Imperialism, which is not exactly what Mr Keir-Hardie desires. It is a little unfortunate, perhaps, that he does not seem to have benefited much by his recent experiences, except physically—but we may reasonably set that down to the fact that his trip was too long delayed. If he had been able to make it in youth, when his mind was still plastic to impressions, its results might have been different. However, the main thing is that Mr Keir-Hardie is back. Great Britain will once more have the benefit of his reproof and advice. And he cannot do so much harm here, where he is only a notorious agitator, and we take him not altogether at his own valuation.

Mr. Keir-Hardie claims that, with the exception of the last day he spent in India, he never spoke at anything which could be called a public meeting, and that the crime of which he was guilty, was not that of speaking at public meetings or preaching sedition, but of refusing to see the Indian situation through the rose-coloured spectacles of the official classes.

This Week's Passage from the Poets—
"Old King Coal is a 'dear' old soul,
And a 'dear' old soul is he;
And when Gladstone's Ten Hours Bill is passed,
It's a 'dear' old soul he'll be."

The Volunteer Infantry officers on recruiting bent have been assuring their men that Mr. Haldane's scheme will be little more than an alteration of the numbers of the corps. This reminds us of the epitaph which was perpetrated at Malta to the memory of the old Seventy-Fifth, one of the Scottish regiments with tattered trousers, when it became the first battalion of the Gordon Highlanders under Mr Caldwell's linked battalion scheme.

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PORT ARTHUR UNDER THE JAPANESE.

(From Our Correspondent.)

ST. PETERSBURG, March 9.

In view of the renewed interest aroused in Port Arthur by the recent condemnation of General Suetsu, it may be interesting to translate from the "Voice of Moscow" portions of the article of a Russian correspondent in that great Japanese fortress, who seems to be particularly observant. He says that Port Arthur and Dairen have changed very much since the war. Under Russian rule Port Arthur was

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